

**Superior Court of Washington, County of \_\_\_\_\_**

In re parentage:

Petitioner *(person who started this case)*:

\_\_\_\_\_

And Respondents:

*(parent / presumed parent / alleged parents)*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Children over age 2:

\_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Findings and Conclusions about Parentage  
(FNFCL)

**Findings and Conclusions about Parentage**

**1. Basis for findings and conclusions** *(check all that apply)*:

- ☐ Parties' agreement
- ☐ Default Order or Summary Judgment Order *(date)*: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Trial for this case on *(date)*: \_\_\_\_\_, with the following people present  
*(check all that apply)*:
- ☐ State of Washington, DSHS, through its lawyer *(name)*: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Birth Mother *(name)*: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ This person's lawyer
- ☐ Presumed Parent *(name)*: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ This person's lawyer
- ☐ Alleged Parent *(name)*: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ This person's lawyer
- ☐ Alleged Parent *(name)*: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ This person's lawyer
- ☐ Alleged Parent *(name)*: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ This person's lawyer
- ☐ Guardian ad Litem for *(children's names)*: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other *(name and relationship to this case)*: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other *(name and relationship to this case)*: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other *(name and relationship to this case)*: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ **The Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:**

**2. Notice and Personal Jurisdiction**

All people with a right to receive notice of this case were served with the *Summons* and *Petition*. ☐ except (name/s): \_\_\_\_\_.

(Check all that apply):

☐ (Name/s) \_\_\_\_\_ was/were served in this state.

☐ (Name/s) \_\_\_\_\_ live/s in this state now.

☐ (Name/s) \_\_\_\_\_ lived in this state with the children.

☐ (Name/s) \_\_\_\_\_ lived in this state and paid for pregnancy costs or support for the children.

☐ (Name/s) \_\_\_\_\_ did or said something that caused the children to live in this state.

☐ (Name/s) \_\_\_\_\_ had sex in this state, which may have produced the children.

☐ (Name/s) \_\_\_\_\_ signed an agreement to join this *Petition* or other document agreeing that the court can decide his or her rights in this case.

☐ None of the reasons listed above apply to (name): \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:** The court has personal jurisdiction over all parties to this case,

☐ except (name/s): \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Guardian ad Litem**

☐ No Guardian ad Litem was appointed.

☐ The Court appointed (name): \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian ad Litem (GAL) for (children's names): \_\_\_\_\_.

The court has considered the report and recommendations of the GAL about (check all that apply):

☐ Parentage

☐ Parenting Plan or Residential Schedule

☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. Genetic Testing Admitted**

☐ Does not apply. Either genetic testing was not done, or the results were not admitted. (Skip to **5**.)

☐ This issue was decided in the *Summary Judgment Order* signed by the court on (date): \_\_\_\_\_. (Skip to **5**.)

- ☐ The following genetic testing results were admitted as evidence (*check all that apply*):
- ☐ **Alleged Parent Tested** – Genetic paternity testing was done with a possible father (*name*): \_\_\_\_\_.
- The testing was done by (*check one*):
- ☐ court order.
- ☐ agreement of the Alleged Parent, Birth Mother and any Presumed, Acknowledged, or Adjudicated Parent.
- ☐ the alleged parent without a court order or agreement. The children have no Presumed, Acknowledged, or Adjudicated Parents.
- The test results (*check one*):
- ☐ show a 99% or greater probability that this Alleged Parent **is** the biological parent of (*children's names*): \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ **exclude** this Alleged Parent as a biological parent of (*children's names*): \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ **Presumed Parent Tested** – Genetic paternity testing was done with the Presumed Parent (*name*): \_\_\_\_\_.
- The testing was done by (*check one*):
- ☐ court order
- ☐ agreement of the Birth Mother and Presumed Parent.
- The test results (*check one*):
- ☐ show a 99% or greater probability that the Presumed Parent **is** the biological parent of (*children's names*): \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ **exclude** the Presumed Parent as a biological parent of (*children's names*): \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ **Test Results Challenged** – The genetic paternity test results were challenged by (*name*): \_\_\_\_\_. The court concludes that the challenged test results (*check one*): ☐ are ☐ are **not** valid because (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Other (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:** (*Check one*):

- ☐ The court should decide parentage according to the genetic test results described above.
- ☐ The court should **not** decide parentage according to the genetic test results described above because the court found the test results are invalid.

**5. Genetic Testing Not Admitted**

- ☐ Does not apply. Genetic testing results were admitted. (*Skip to 6.*)
- ☐ This issue was decided in the *Summary Judgment Order* signed by the court on (*date*): \_\_\_\_\_. (*Skip to 6.*)
- ☐ Genetic testing was **not** done, or the results were **not** admitted.

**Conclusion:** *(Check all that apply):*

- ☐ **Not Necessary** – Genetic testing was not necessary to decide parentage.  
(Name): \_\_\_\_\_ should be declared the legal  
parent of (children's names): \_\_\_\_\_  
because s/he is a/n (check all that apply):
- ☐ Acknowledged parent (parent who signed a *Paternity Acknowledgment*).
- ☐ Parent by admission (someone who admitted s/he was the parent in his/her  
court papers or in a hearing under penalty of perjury).
- ☐ Adoptive parent.
- ☐ Parent by assisted reproduction.
- ☐ Parent according to a surrogacy contract.
- ☐ Other findings (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Not Ordered** – The children have a Presumed, Acknowledged or Adjudicated  
Parent. The court concludes that ordering genetic testing is not in the  
children's best interest after considering the report and recommendation of the  
children's Guardian ad Litem.
- This conclusion is based on the following (check all that apply):
- ☐ See *Order on Motion for Genetic Testing*.
- ☐ (Describe clear and convincing evidence why testing is not in the child's  
best interest): \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Not Admitted** – The children have a Presumed, Acknowledged or Adjudicated  
Parent. Genetic testing results were not admitted because the testing was  
done without either a court order or agreement of the Birth Mother and the  
Presumed, Acknowledged or Adjudicated Parent.
- ☐ **No Cooperation** – (Name): \_\_\_\_\_ did not cooperate with  
an order for genetic testing. This conclusion is based on the following facts  
(describe the failure to cooperate):
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Because this person did not cooperate with genetic testing, the court  
concludes that he (check one): ☐ should ☐ should **not** be the legal  
father of the children. RCW 26.26.575(2). This is in the children's best  
interest because (explain): \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Presumed Parent

- ☐ There is no presumed parent.
- ☐ This issue was decided in the *Summary Judgment Order* signed by the court on (date): \_\_\_\_\_. (Skip to **7.**)
- ☐ **Marriage / Domestic Partner Presumption** – (Name): \_\_\_\_\_ was presumed by law to be a parent when this case started because of a marriage or domestic partnership.

**Conclusion:** The court should:

- ☐ **Disprove** the presumed parent as a legal parent of (children's names): \_\_\_\_\_ because the presumed parent is not the biological parent according to the genetic test results described in section **4** above, and (check all that apply):
- ☐ The *Petition* was filed or served on or **before** (children's names): \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> birthdays.
  - ☐ The *Petition* was filed or served **after** (children's names): \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> birthdays and the presumed parent:
    - did not live with and did not have sex with the birth mother when the children were likely conceived, and
    - did not openly hold out these children as his/her own children.
- ☐ **Confirm** the presumed parent is a correct legal parent of (children's names): \_\_\_\_\_ because (check all that apply):
- ☐ The presumed parent is the biological parent according to the genetic test results described in section **4** above.
  - ☐ The court decided it was not in the children's best interest to order genetic testing.
  - ☐ The *Petition* was first filed or served **after** (children's names): \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> birthdays and the presumed parent (check all that apply):
    - ☐ lived with or had sex with the birth mother when the children were likely conceived.
    - ☐ openly held out these children as his/her own children.
- ☐ **Other (specify):** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Holding Out Presumption** – (Name): \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed to be a presumed parent of (children's names): \_\_\_\_\_ because he/she had lived in the same home as these children and openly held them out as his/her own children for the first 2 years of their lives.

**Conclusion:** The court should:

- ☐ **Deny** the claim that this person is a legal parent based on the following facts (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ **Confirm** that this person is a legal parent based on the following facts  
(specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**7. Children's Names**

- ☐ The children's names should **not** be changed.  
☐ The children's names should be changed as listed on the *Final Parentage Order*.

**8. Jurisdiction over the children** (RCW 26.27.201 – .221, .231, .261, .271)

- ☐ The court **can** approve a *Parenting Plan* or *Residential Schedule* for these children and decide who the children should live with most of the time because (check all that apply; if a box applies to all of the children, you may write "the children" instead of listing names):
- ☐ **Exclusive, continuing jurisdiction** – A Washington court has already made a custody order or parenting plan for the children, and the court still has authority to make other orders for (children's names): \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ **Home state jurisdiction** – Washington is the children's home state because (check all that apply):
- ☐ (Children's names): \_\_\_\_\_ lived in Washington with a parent or someone acting as a parent for at least the 6 months just before this case was filed, or if the children were less than 6 months old when the case was filed, they had lived in Washington with a parent or someone acting as a parent since birth.
- ☐ There were times the children were not in Washington in the 6 months just before this case was filed (or since birth if they were less than 6 months old), but those were temporary absences.
- ☐ (Children's names): \_\_\_\_\_ do not live in Washington right now, but Washington was the children's home state some time in the 6 months just before this case was filed, and a parent or someone acting as a parent of the children still lives in Washington.
- ☐ (Children's names): \_\_\_\_\_ do not have another home state.
- ☐ **No home state or home state declined** – No court of any other state (or tribe) has the jurisdiction to make decisions for (children's names): \_\_\_\_\_, **or** a court in the children's home state (or tribe) decided it is better to have this case in Washington **and**:
- The children and a parent or someone acting as a parent have ties to Washington beyond just living here; **and**
  - There is a lot of information (substantial evidence) about the children's care, protection, education and relationships in this state.
- ☐ **Other state declined** – The courts in other states (or tribes) that might be (children's names): \_\_\_\_\_'s home state have refused to take this case because it is better to have this case in Washington.

- ☐ **Temporary emergency jurisdiction** – Washington had temporary emergency jurisdiction over (*children's names*): \_\_\_\_\_ when the case was filed, and now has jurisdiction to make a final custody decision because:
- When the case was filed, the children were abandoned in this state, or the children were in this state and the children (or children's parent, brother or sister) was abused or threatened with abuse;
  - The court signed a temporary order on (*date*) \_\_\_\_\_ saying that Washington's jurisdiction will become final if no case is filed in the children's home state (or tribe) by the time the children have been in Washington for 6 months;
  - The children have now lived in Washington for 6 months; **and**
  - No case concerning the children has been started in the children's home state (or tribe).
- ☐ Other reason (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ The court **cannot** approve a *Parenting Plan* or *Residential Schedule* for (*children's names*): \_\_\_\_\_ or decide who the children should live with most of the time because the court does not have jurisdiction over these children.

## 9. Parenting Plan or Residential Schedule

- ☐ The court has jurisdiction over the children as listed in section **8** above.  
(*Check one*):
- ☐ The court signed the final *Parenting Plan* or *Residential Schedule* filed separately today or on (*date*): \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ No one requested a *Parenting Plan* or *Residential Schedule*. The children have been living with (*name*): \_\_\_\_\_ most of the time. The children should continue to live with this parent most of the time. This parent should be named the children's custodian.
- The plan, schedule or custodian is approved (*check one*):
- ☐ by default. The court considered the court record.
  - ☐ by agreement of both parents without a contested hearing. The court considered the parties' agreement and the following evidence, if any: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ after a summary judgment hearing. The court considered the evidence listed in the *Summary Judgment Order*.
  - ☐ after trial. The court considered all of the evidence admitted at trial.
- ☐ The court does **not** have jurisdiction over the children as listed in section **8** above. Therefore, the court **cannot** approve a *Parenting Plan* or *Residential Schedule*, or decide who the children should live with most of the time.
- ☐ Other (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 10. Child Support

- ☐ The children should be supported according to state law. The court signed the final *Child Support Order* and *Worksheets* filed separately today or on (date): \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The court is not making a decision about child support now because: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Protection Order

- ☐ No one requested an *Order for Protection* in this case.
- ☐ (Name): \_\_\_\_\_ requested an *Order for Protection* in this case.

**Conclusion:** The court should (check one):

- ☐ **not** approve an *Order for Protection* because: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ approve an *Order for Protection* because: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## 12. Restraining Order

- ☐ No one requested a *Restraining Order* in this case.
- ☐ (Name): \_\_\_\_\_ requested a *Restraining Order*.

**Conclusion:** The court should:

- ☐ **not** approve a *Restraining Order* because: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ approve a *Restraining Order* because: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Fees and costs

- ☐ Each party should pay his or her own fees and costs.
- ☐ This issue was decided in the *Summary Judgment Order* signed by the court on (date): \_\_\_\_\_. (Skip to **14.**)
- ☐ (Name): \_\_\_\_\_ incurred fees and costs, and needs help to pay those fees and costs. (Name): \_\_\_\_\_ has the ability to help pay fees and costs and should be ordered to pay the amount as listed in the *Final Parentage Order*. The court finds that the amount ordered is reasonable.



☐ Fees for a guardian ad litem (GAL) or other court-appointed professional should be paid as listed in the *Final Parentage Order*. The court has considered relevant factors including each party's ability to pay, and finds the fees as ordered are reasonable.

☐ Other findings: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**14. Other findings or conclusions (if any)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

► \_\_\_\_\_  
*Judge or Commissioner*

**Petitioner and Respondent/s or their lawyers fill out below.**

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